

IN HONOR OF REVEREND GARY  
HOOVER

**HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 23, 2002*

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor and recognition of the Reverend Gary Hoover, OSB, on the occasion of his 25th Anniversary of his profession of vows, on July 16, 2002.

Reverend Hoover, a Benedictine monk, has taught theology at Benedictine High School for the past eighteen years. He has recently been assigned to the position of Director of Alumni Affairs at the High School.

In addition to his new position and teaching duties, Reverend Hoover is the director of Campus Ministry, and is the chaplain for Benedictine's athletic teams.

Reverend Hoover continues to demonstrate his commitment and dedication to his faith, and to the students and families he serves. He is an integral part of what makes Benedictine High School an outstanding, faith-centered, educational institution.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in honor and recognition of Reverend Gary Hoover, on the occasion of his 25th Anniversary in the priesthood. Reverend Hoover's dedication, counsel, and teaching have enhanced and strengthened the entire Benedictine community.

TRIBUTE TO JEANNIE VAN  
VELKINBURGH

**HON. DIANA DeGETTE**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 23, 2002*

Ms. DeGETTE. Mr. Speaker, Today, I join all of Denver in sorrow at the tragic loss of one of our city's great heroines and in offering my heartfelt condolences to her sons, Joseph and Anthony. A person of great courage and selflessness, Jeannie Van Velkinburgh exemplifies the virtues Denver strives for.

On the night of November 18, 1997, Jeannie was shot and paralyzed while trying to prevent the murder of Oumar Dia, a West African immigrant living in Denver, who was attacked just because he was black.

Despite struggling everyday with her paralysis, Jeannie never regretted putting her own life at risk to try save the life of a stranger. Just last week she reiterated her conviction that she had done the right thing, saying, "You're supposed to help people when things are going wrong . . . If you walk away, how can you call yourself a good person?"

Everyone in our community can learn from Jeannie's legacy of love and respect for all people, regardless of their race, religion, or ethnicity. While her ongoing efforts to recover from the attack were so difficult, Jeannie remained an icon of the fight for equality. Esquire Magazine recognized her in 1998 as one of the "New American Heroes" for standing up for a man she had never met before. In 1999 she received the prestigious Hubert H. Humphrey Award from the Leadership Conference on Civil Rights for exemplifying Humphrey's legacy of selflessness and devoted service for equality.

The men involved in wounding her so deeply, both physically and emotionally, are now behind bars, but that does not mean the fight for justice is over. I urge all Denverites to follow her belief that, "we should stick together no matter what color you are."

For my part, I will continue to introduce and support legislation that will strengthen the regulations for purchasing assault weapons by working to close the "gun show loop hole". Furthermore, I will continue to work towards strengthening the penalties for hate crimes, the kind of crime that took the lives of both Jeannie Van Velkinburgh and Oumar Dia.

IN HONOR OF FRANCIS SCOTT  
CWIKLINSKI

**HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH**

OF OHIO

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Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor and remembrance of Francis Scott (Frank) Cwiklinski, U.S. Military Academy graduate, Persian Gulf War veteran, executive editor of the Cleveland State Law Review, and trusted friend to many.

Following his graduation from Valley Forge High School in 1985, Mr. Cwiklinski attended West Point Academy, and graduated in 1989. Following his college graduation, he served in the Army as a First Lieutenant during Operation Desert Storm. Mr. Cwiklinski worked on renovating rental properties in Cleveland's Tremont neighborhood prior to attending law school.

Besides writing for the Law Review, Mr. Cwiklinski was a columnist for The Gavel, the official newspaper of Cleveland-Marshall College of Law. He was ranked in the top ten percent of his class, and was scheduled to graduate this December.

Mr. Speaker, Mr. Cwiklinski's endless energy, quick smile, and friendly demeanor greatly enriched the lives of all who knew him, especial his family, friends and colleagues, and though he will never be forgotten, he will be greatly missed.

SERIOUS CRIMINAL DEEDS MUST  
BE PUNISHED

**HON. MAJOR R. OWENS**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 23, 2002*

Mr. OWENS. Mr. Speaker, the massive suffering being inflicted on millions of employees and investors by corporate thieves is still difficult to comprehend. Members of Congress have a duty to clarify the murky "infectious greed" scenarios unfolding everyday. Stealing by very sophisticated means is still thievery. When an executive is granted a 400 million dollar loan, there is no way to explain it as a rational business decision. Congress must confront this dirty business by pushing harder for the confiscation of stolen money. We must establish a system for restitution to swindled employees, current and retired. And Congress must push for greater criminal penalties.

The very rich insiders must be forced to confront their crimes. Deprivation of liberty by

sentencing corporate crooks to prison is a necessary step to foster deterrence and restore confidence in our financial systems and markets. Already our constituents are ahead of the lawmakers in demanding justice. Those members who are soft on white collar crime will pay at the polls. It is the Great American Middle Class that is now being victimized. The following RAP poem summarizes their sentiment:

MESSAGE TO THE REPUBLICAN MOB

Before you merely mauled welfare mothers,  
But now you're messing with  
The Great American Middle Class;  
We'll kick your rear!  
Grandfathers are full of fear,  
New anger after every tear,  
Our pensions down the drain,  
No shelter from old age rain;  
O say Newt can you see  
Pain and suffering you contracted for me?  
Chisel swindle in the great greed spree,  
Criminals still strutting free,  
Lock up that mugger  
With the 400 million dollar loan,  
Tell the crook building that  
Multi-million dollar home  
You'll shoot if he lays another stone.  
Stage a raid  
On all the board room whores  
Hiding behind fancy carved doors;  
Bring out the hand cuffs,  
Shine bright lights in haughty faces,  
Drag them through drug pusher paces;  
Grill Martha and the Hamptons crowd,  
Make them confess  
Early and loud.  
Special prosecutors to the front lines.  
In 2002 we have real crimes,  
Whitewater was just kid stuff;  
Let's play Harkin and Halliburton bluff:  
At each turn  
Take ten million and run—  
Insiders have all the fun,  
A tax break bonus  
For each step you mount,  
Ordinary dumb investors  
Can't follow the count.  
Chisel swindle in the great greed spree,  
O say Newt can you see  
Pain and suffering you contracted for me?  
Before you merely mauled welfare mothers,  
But now you're messing with  
The Great American Middle Class;  
At the November showdown  
We'll be kicking your elephant (bleep)!

THE FINANCIAL MARKETS, SECURITIES AND ACCOUNTING INDUSTRIES HAVE CAUSED AMERICAN TAXPAYERS AND INVESTORS TO LOSE \$4 TRILLION SINCE 2000

**HON. DANNY K. DAVIS**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 23, 2002*

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, before Enron Corporation's bankruptcy filing in December 2001, the firm was widely regarded as one of the most innovative, fastest growing, and best managed businesses in the United States. With the swift collapse, shareholders, including thousands of Enron workers who held company stock in their 401 (k) retirement accounts, lost tens of billions of dollars. It now appears that Enron was in terrible financial shape as early as 2000, burdened with debt and money-losing businesses, but manipulated its accounting statements to hide these